CLAIMS

1.   A method of viewing a sequence of media clips having a plurality of computer files, by a user via a local machine connected to a computer network having a one or more server computers connected thereto on which are physically located said files, one of said server computers being the one with which the local machine primarily communicates having executing thereon software capable of decoding said files and consecutively playing said files or portions thereof, comprising the steps of:

the user creating a database or a set of records within a database stored on one of said server computers having a play list of said files in a particular order;

said user further specifying a number of play variables relevant to each file played in the sequence;

wherein upon receiving a play command from the local machine, the software capable of decoding said files which is located at one of said server computers retrieves the physical location of the files required for the sequence and the play variables relevant to each particular file in sequence;

ordering the files in the user selected sequence and commencing play consecutively of said files at one of said server computers; and,

said user viewing the played files in the sequence via a viewer on the connected local machine having a viewer thereon by which the played files in the sequence can be viewed.

2.   A method according to claim 1 wherein addition, amendment, and deletion of files from the play list and of play variable relevant to each file, and the viewing of the

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played sequence of files is conducted through a browser program having a suitable plug-in component loaded thereon allowing media clips to be viewed or heard.

3.   A method according to claim 2 wherein the user is required to enter user specific information such as a user identifier and password to allow one of the server computers to identify said user and establish relevant access rights to said server computers and the various files physically stored thereon or elsewhere, said user specific information being used to retrieve information from said database regarding particular files and play variables previously defined by said user.

4.   A method according to claim 3 wherein the database ensures that the data relevant to one or more sequences created by a user is linked to a user identifier to ensure that only sequences created by that user are accessible to that user after entering said user specific information.

5.   A computer program for execution on a local machine and for viewing a sequence of media clips, said local machine being connected to a computer network having a one or more server computers connected thereto on which are physically located a plurality of files containing media clips, said local machine communicating primarily with one of said server computers on which is executing software capable of decoding said files and consecutively playing said media clips or portions thereof, said program permitting communication with a database located on one of said server computers containing information describing a play list of said files in a particular order and further specifying a number of play variables relevant to each file played in the sequence, in that said program retrieves the information describing said play list and the play variables

from said database and communicates said information to the software capable of decoding the files and playing the media clips which subsequently loads said files or portions thereof consecutively and plays the media clips therefrom, said program further comprising viewing means on said local machine for allowing a user to view the sequence of files played by the software capable of decoding on one of said server computers.

6.   The method according to claim 2 wherein the user is required to enter user specific information such as a user identifier and password to allow one of said server computers to identify said user and establish relevant access rights to the various files physically stored thereon or elsewhere, said user specific information being used to retrieve information from said database regarding particular files and lay variables previously defined by said user.

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